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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 13980 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PEKING 14 OCT 76

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 13980

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PFOR EG CB

SUBJ: CAMBODIA FOREIGN RELATIONS

REF: STATE 243486

1. DURING CALL ON ACTING HEAD OF MFA ASIAN DEPARTMENT
GAMAL HILAL OCT 14, POLCOUNS ASKED ABOUT VISIT TO CAMBODIA BY
AMBASSADOR GAMAL AD-DIN THABIT. HILAL SAID THAT THABIT
HAD BEEN APPOINTED RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO PHNOM MENH A
YEAR AGO BUT HAD NOT DEPARTED FROM CAIRO FOR HIS POST UNTIL
LATTER PART OF AUGUST. HE HAD TRANSITTED PEKING ON WAY TO PHNOM
PENH AND MUST HAVE ARRIVED THERE ABOUT FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER.
HE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS ONLY FEW WEEKS AGO. THABIT AND TWO
OTHER DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE FIRST EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATS TO
RETURN TO PHNOM PENH SINCE EMBASSY CLOSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

2. HILAL SAID MFA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REPORTING FROM
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AMBASSADOR THABIT. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE

PLANE OUT OF PHNOM PENH EVERY TWO WEEKS (TO PEKING).
EMBASSY HAS NO FACILITIES FOR TELEGRAPHIC REPORTING YET IN
PLACE. THEREFORE, HILAL EXPECTED CONSIDERABLE TIME LAG IN
REPORTING FROM PHNOM PENH. HE PROMISED TO SHARE THABIT'S
REPORTING AND IMPRESSIONS WITH EMBASSY IN THE FUTURE.
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